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- The upper pikes are shoved through the body of the gob by means of hydraulic jacks. After the shield top has moved, the side pikes start. Part of the gob is swallowed by the shield, and all that remains for the miners to do is dispose of the rock. So that the shield may move into the depth of the gob, one of the frames is drawn out forward into the place cleared of rock. Meanwhile, sheltered by the remaining part of the shield, the miners reinforce the walls and top of the drift. The shield's rear part is also then drawn forward.

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